

## 1. The basic real business cycle (RBC) model

- (a) Formulation
- (b) Computation (linearization / value function iteration / using Dynare)
- (c) Calibration
- (d) Model vs. facts: success and failure

*Recommended readings:*

- Cooley, Chapter 1 and 2.
- Prescott, “Theory ahead of business cycle measurement”, *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review*, 1986.
- King, Plosser, and Rebelo, “Production, growth and business Cycles 1: The basic neoclassical model”, *JME*, 1988.

## 2. Extensions of the RBC model

- (a) Indivisible labor
- (b) Fiscal shocks
- (c) Other extensions (investment shock / home production / international RBC / news shock)

*Recommended readings:*

- Hansen, “Indivisible labor and the business cycle”, *JME*, 1985.
- Rogerson, “Indivisible labor, lotteries and equilibrium”, *JME*, 1988.
- Christiano and Eichenbaum, “Current real-business-cycle theories and aggregate labor-market fluctuations”, *AER*, 1992.
- Braun, “Tax disturbances and real economic activity in the postwar United States”, *JME*, 1994.
- McGrattan, “The macroeconomic effects of distortionary taxation”, *JME*, 1994.
- McGrattan, “A progress report on business cycle models”, *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review*, 1994.
- Greenwood, Hercowitz, and Hoffman, “The allocation of capital and time over the business cycle”, *JPE*, 1991.
- Benhabib, Rogerson, and Wright, “Homework in macroeconomics: Household production and aggregate fluctuations”, *JPE*, 1991.

- Jaimovich and Rebelo, “Can news about the future drive the business cycle?”, *AER*, 2009.
- Backus, Kehoe, and Kydland, “International real business cycles”, *JPE*, 1992.
- Backus, Kehoe, and Kydland, “International business cycles: theory and evidence”, *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Quarterly Review*, 1995.

### 3. Money in RBC models

- (a) Money-in-the-Utility (MIU) model
- (b) Cash-in-Advance (CIA) model

*Recommended readings:*

- Walsh, Chapter 2 and 3.

### 4. New Keynesian models

- (a) Imperfect competition
- (b) Sticky prices and wages

*Recommended readings:*

- Walsh, Chapter 8.